

Sir

Philadelphia 1st May 1780

In consequence of a late letter from General Greene I have made an application for a supply of money for you; but as there is no money in the continental Treasury and the demands here vastly exceed the ^{present} resources in this part of the United States there can be no hope of giving you an immediate supply by other means than an order on your State Treasury or Loan Office. I have yet rec^d. no answer to the application - whenever I can obtain an order for you I shall forward it.

Some difficulty may arise from the want of a proper estimate accompanying the application. To explain myself more fully on this subject, I send you herewith a copy of a circular letter I have lately sent to the Deputies this way, by which you will see what kind of estimates are demanded, and how far they are made a necessary ground-work for every application for money.

The resources of the public funds having fallen vastly short of the necessary demands of the service implies a censurable fault in the management of business somewhere. Neither Congress nor the Board of Treasury are willing to apply this to themselves, they therefore ^{seem}

seem to be industriously seeking an opportunity to rest it on the departments which have been the great channels of expense. I would willingly give them all possible information with respect to the Quarter Master's department, as I have great confidence that the better they are informed the less room they will find to lodge the blame on us. Their demands it is true imply suspicions that are wounding to minds conscious of not deserving them; but a backwardness to give the information required would rather tend to strengthen than destroy those injurious suspicions, and I hope to shew them that we stand on ground that needs not concealment.

I am with much esteem, Sir

Your most obedient servant

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